

## PERCUSSION CAPS ARE NOT TO BLAME

Could Not Have Been Responsible / Destruction of Alum Chine.

Baltimore, March 10.—At the first session to-night of the coroner's inquest into the deaths resulting from the blowing up on Friday of the dynamite ship Alum Chine, A. C. Blum, sales agent of the company that manufactured the dynamite, testified that the company did not manufacture percussion caps.

One of the theories advanced in connection with the charges Corner Russell says several stevedores made to him is that William Bomhardt, assistant foreman of the stevedores, stuck a bale hock into a box containing percussion caps, which exploded, and set fire to the ship.

Alfred Malins, second mate of the Alum Chine, testified that he had spoken to the foreman of the stevedores who were handling boxes of dynamite. He said he saw a stevedore ashore "because he was handling the boxes like bales of cotton."

The inquest probably will extend to the end of the week.

Steaming slowly down the bay the police boat Lannan, to-day, made a thorough but fruitless search of the waters and shore surrounding the anchorage of the dynamite ship. Inlets and currents, having failed to get a charge of the dynamite ship, which might prove lodging places for bodies or cases of dynamite were searched.

The barge on which were several cars laden with dynamite, and which was lying alongside the Alum Chine when it was blown to pieces, was covered to-day below Fort Carroll. Several cases of unexploded dynamite were on the barge.

**NO WOMEN EMPLOYES**

Miss Salome Tarr Falls to Get Place in White House.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, March 10.—"No women shall be employed in the offices of the President."

Miss Salome Tarr, private stenographer to President Wilson when he was Governor of New Jersey, returned today from Washington to her home in Jersey City.

When I discovered that women were barred from positions near the President," said Miss Tarr, "I did not insist on having the rule violated. It is an unwritten law of the executive offices that only men shall work there. The matter was decided several years ago. A great deal of night work is done by the stenographers, and as they would hesitate to ask a woman to return to work at night, they believed that it would be well to prevent them working there at all. In that way complaints from the men stenographers are prevented."

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**VICTORY FOR WALL STREET**

Bill to Double State Tax on Transfers of Stock to Be Withdrawn.

Albany, N. Y., March 10.—Governor Sulzer announced to-day that the bill to double the State tax on transfers of stock is to be withdrawn. The measure was recommended by the Governor's committee of inquiry as a means of increasing the State's revenues. It was bitterly opposed by Wall Street.

The present tax is \$2 on each 100 shares of stock transferred. Governor Sulzer issued a statement outlining his attitude in regard to the proposed tax.

"After careful consideration," he said, "I have decided that the bill goes too far, placing too great a burden of taxation on a single industry. The committee has concluded that its enactment may do more harm than good, and we prefer not to risk any injury to the legitimate business of our State or divert its business to other States."

Judge Fulton Here.

Judge W. R. Fulton of Wise County, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

The average value of a human life is generally figured as \$5,000.00. The use of a pure water is the best form of health insurance.

## BROAD ROCK WATER Is Wonderfully Pure.

## FIRST GAME WILL BRING GREAT JOY

Contest Between Yankees and Skeeters Anxiously Awaited. Davis Badly Injured.

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 10.—The American colony here is looking forward with great joy to the series between the Yankees and the Jersey City "Skeeters," the first game of which takes place to-morrow. This is the New Yorkers' first real trial, and the result will furnish a line on the team.

George Davis, the recruit pitcher, is the victim of the second Yankee casualty. During batting practice to-day Davis was struck in the head by a zizzing liner as he was walking down to first base. The pitcher dropped as though he had been struck with an ax, and it was several minutes before he was revived. His injury is not considered serious, however, and it is expected that he will rejoin the team in a few days. Hal Chase's ankle continues to worry Manager Chance. It is possible that the crack first baseman will be kept out of the game for three weeks, as the limb is not responding to the treatment very rapidly.

**MISS TAFT ATTACKED**

Said to Have Been Victim of Roman During Parade.

St. Louis, March 10.—"Miss Helen Taft was attacked by a rowdy in the parade in Washington and her cash torn from her gown," declared Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hara, grand marshal of one of the parade divisions, upon her return to St. Louis to-day.

"As the then President's daughter walked by the rowdy reached out and seized her. Miss Taft received no protection whatever from the police," added Mrs. O'Hara. "The Boy Scouts did more to protect than did the police," continued the suffrage leader. "They were armed with wands, and they wielded them well and kept innumerable men and boys away from the parade. The rowdy was pinched and taken to the police station."

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**EXPLOSION WRECKS TOWN**

Many Persons Killed and Country for Miles Around Feels Shock.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

Glasgow, Scotland, March 10.—Many persons were killed and the country for miles around to-day felt the shock caused by the explosion at Nobel's Explosive Works at Ardeer, twenty miles from Glasgow.

The town of Irvine, near Ardeer, was partially wrecked, people in the streets being thrown to the ground, and many of the public buildings damaged beyond repair. The harbor adjacent to the works is filled with debris and, it is feared, six persons have been taken from the ruins, and others are expected to be recovered during the night.

**CALMLY ADMITS MURDER**

Chicago Youth Declares He Shot Father in Self-Defense.

Chicago, March 10.—Peter Scheibler, nineteen years old, shot and killed his father, Charles Scheibler, forty-seven years old, in their home on the West Side to-day.

The shooting occurred after the son and his sister, Helma, fifteen years old, had barricaded themselves in the parlor to escape their father, who was armed with a butcher knife and was trying to force open the door.

When the police arrived the boy was sitting in the parlor smoking a pipe. He said he killed his parent in self-defense.

**His Condition Unchanged.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

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## PAL MOORE GETS AWFUL LACING

Kenosha, Wis., March 10.—Charlie White, of Chicago, gave Pal Moore an artistic lacing in a rough, savage ten-round fight here to-night. Moore was beaten decisively, for he went to the floor for the count no less than five times. Three of these upsets happened in the third fighting spell, one the result of a shove following a rain of blows. Another occurred in the fifth round, the result of a shower of punishing blows, and the last came in the eighth round, when Pal was dropped by his knees just as the bell rang. While outfought Moore at everything he tried, and had him licked all the way after the third round. Pal was lucky to stick the limit, and it took lots of stalling and all the knowledge he had of the art of blocking to pull him through. As the fight progressed, he shook hands with his conqueror after the fray his left eye was almost swollen shut, his nose was broken, and there were contusions on his face and body which testified to the power of White's blows.

**Robinson Taken Onth.**

Washington, March 10.—Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, to-day took the oath as Senator from that State. All members of the new Senate except Senator-Elect Goff, of West Virginia, now have qualified.

**Defeated by House.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Harrisburg, Pa., March 10.—The report concerning the police of Washington alleged failure to protect the women's suffrage parade of last Monday was defeated in the House to-night by a vote of 21 to 67.

**MANY KILLED IN PANIC**

Disaster Follows Discovery of Fire in Moving Picture Theatre.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bordeaux, France, March 10.—At least thirty persons were killed and more than a score injured to-day in a panic which followed the discovery of fire in a small moving picture theatre at Leoni, in the department of Aisne. Those who were injured or killed were caught in the rush for the exits. The fire was a small one.

**RIOTING IN SPAIN**

Several People Killed in Course of Election Campaign.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

Madrid, March 10.—Election riots throughout Spain to-day resulted in several persons being killed and a score more or less badly hurt. The returns indicate that seventy-five Liberals were returned, fifty-five Conservatives, eight Republicans and twenty Catholics.

**WOUNDS PROVE FATAL**

Night Watchman Shot From Dark by Unknown Assassin.

Wilson, N. C., March 10.—B. F. Wooten, watchman at a local manufacturing plant, died to-day from wounds received last night. Mr. Wooten was making his regular rounds when two shots were fired from the dark, both taking effect. He did not believe the wounds serious, and made no report of the affair for several hours. There is no clue to the identity of the assailant, though the authorities believe the presence of an illegal resort nearby and reports of its existence by Mr. Wooten were responsible.

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## DECLARES DAVIS BEREFT OF REASON

Attorney for Wife and Daughter Lays Foundation for Their Suit for an Allowance.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Los Angeles, Cal., March 10.—Foundation for the legal battlements that the wife and daughter of Robert B. Davis hope will win them a \$5,000 monthly allowance from the New York baking powder king, was sensationally laid to-day before Superior Judge Conroy by their new trial motion. It consisted mainly of a vivid portrayal of Davis by Attorney Delphin M. Delmas as a man bereft of his reason—a paranoiac.

Delmas thus accounted for the sensational story told by Davis on the witness stand after he fled from New York and came to California three years ago and fled suit for divorce. Davis said to escape them he had been obliged to leave his home on Riverside Drive by way of the fire escape with his nurse.

**DELAYS TRIP TO EUROPE**

Assistant Secretary of State Asked to Stay by Bryan.

Washington, March 10.—At the request of Secretary Bryan, Huntington Wilson, the Assistant Secretary of State, has canceled reservations to sail for Europe, and will remain at the department for the present. Formal announcement of Mr. Wilson's changed plans was made late to-day. No one at the department would discuss the assistant secretaryship, but it is said that Mr. Wilson is anxious to surrender the office as soon as possible.

**Gets Message From Maxwell.**

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

London, March 10.—Sir Ernest Shackleton to-day received a wireless message from Explorer Maxwell, dated Winter Quarters, Commonwealth Bay, Antarctic, saying: "Sledging season successful. Adelie, delayed. Kindest regards from Adelie."

**HAS QUICK-LUNCH HABIT.**

Secretary of State Orders Ham Sandwich, Milk and Apple.

Washington, March 10.—Like other Cabinet officers before him, Secretary of State Bryan seems willing to acquire the quick-lunch room habit. Yesterday afternoon the Secretary of State sallied forth from the New Willard hotel, where he is staying at present, and, feeling the pangs of hunger, decided to get a bite to eat before attending the Y. M. C. A. meeting at the National Theatre yesterday afternoon. He turned quickly into a quick-lunch room not far from his hotel and ordered himself a ham sandwich, a glass of milk and an apple.

"The Secretary of State proceeded to eat his frugal lunch with apparent enjoyment. Before he left the lunch room the proprietor asked if he was not 'Mr. Bryan,' to which the secretary assented and shook hands."

**CREATES NEW OFFICE.**

Dartmouth College Business Affairs Intrusted to Director.

Hanover, N. H., March 10.—Business affairs of Dartmouth College will be administered hereafter by a business director, an office just created by the trustees. Homer Eaton Keyes, assistant professor of the department of fine arts, was elected yesterday to fill the new position.

An official announcement given to-day says the establishment of this postulated is in line with a policy earlier outlined by President Ernest Fox Nichols, and that the president, while freed from purely business cares, parts with none of his authority in any sphere of the college.

**ARMSTRONG'S AUTO HITS TURK.**

Playwright's Chauffeur Held for Accident in Chicago.

Chicago, March 10.—An automobile belonging to Paul Armstrong, the playwright, ran down and probably fatally injured Christ Gusk, a Turk, here to-day. Allen McCullough, Armstrong's chauffeur, who was driving to the playwright's club, on Michigan Avenue, when the accident happened, was arrested on a charge of assault, but declared he could not avoid hitting Gusk. Gusk's father is said to be a wealthy merchant of Constantinople.

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## PREMIER BORDEN SPRINGS SURPRISE

Reads Cablegram From Churchill Opposing Attempts to Build Battleships.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Ottawa, Ont., March 10.—After eight days and nights' continuous debate on Premier Borden's naval aid bill giving \$25,000,000 to Great Britain for three dreadnoughts, accompanied by insistent demands on Borden for fuller information about Winston Churchill's confidential communications with the Canadian government, Premier Borden sprung a surprise by reading a long cable received to-night from the First Lord of the Admiralty, in which Churchill said:

"It is clear that it would be wholly unwise for Canada to attempt to undertake the building of a battleship at the present moment. The cost of laying down the plant alone would, at a rough estimate, be approximately \$15,000,000, and it could not be ready for four years. Such an outlay could only be justified on the assumption that Canada is to keep up a continuous naval building program, to turn out a succession of ships, after the fashion of the largest shipyards in Great Britain and Europe."

"The suggestion that the proposed battleships could be expeditiously built in Canada cannot be based on a full knowledge of the question."

He points out that the battleship of to-day has gradually been evolved in years of experiments and experience. It is a mass of intricate machinery. The Churchill cable furnished the first real sensation of debate, which will continue night and day till midnight Saturday.

**Death of Mrs. Chester Herter.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 10.—Mrs. Chester Herter, noted as a leader in New York and Washington society, a quarter of a century ago, passed away to-day at her beautiful home here, where she had lived for many years. Her husband, Albert Herter, the artist, of New York City, was at her bedside.

**SERMON TO WOMEN**

Billy Williams Tells Them to Lead Men Back to Paradise.

"Woman led man out of paradise. She should do her best to lead him back," said Rev. "Billy" Williams at Broad Street Methodist Church last night. The subject was "The Young Woman and Her Company." Quoting from the fifth chapter of Isaiah, the evangelist said: "God declares that the woman who follows for pleasure is dead on her feet. This is a startling declaration of the woman who spends her time in the social pleasures of the day, and is more troubled about the cracks on her face than about her sins, and spends more time before the looking-glass than in getting ready for the judgment."

"Every woman should be a follower of the gospel for the privilege she enjoys. Where the gospel is not preached she is unveiled, covered with dirt, and in a filthy, unloved, unprotected in old age and unemployment."

Mr. Williams said that he would give "the wandering boy" a rest, and would devote the hour to advice to young women. However, he did not fail to say some things that "seers directed" applicable to men.

To-day Mr. Williams will speak at the Locomotive Works at noon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and at 8 P. M. will preach in Broad Street Church. His subject to-night will be "Trinitarianism."

**MRS. SHINN GETS DIVORCE**

Supreme Court Decree Allows Her \$4,500 a Year Alimony.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, March 10.—Florence Scovel Shinn, who gained distinction by her illustrations of "Mrs. Wiggs" and "Lovey Mary," to-day was granted a divorce from her husband, Everett Shinn, also an illustrator of note, as well as an amateur playwright, by a Supreme Court decree allowing her \$4,500 a year alimony. Shinn's mural decorations are to be seen in many public buildings.

On August 24, 1912, Mrs. Shinn's brother and two detectives raided Shinn's apartment and found an actress there.

**Pugilist Found Dying.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Neenah, Wis., March 10.—"Jim" Hale, a former well-known pugilist, to-day was found dying of tuberculosis in a hotel. He was penniless, and his once great physique had wasted away until he was scarcely recognizable.

Twenty years ago Saturday Hale was knocked out in the fourth round by Robert Fitzsimmons at New Orleans for a purse of \$40,000.

The State Anti-Tuberculosis Society is caring for him.

**Federal Inspection in Norfolk.**

General W. W. Sale and Captain J. K. Fargo went to Norfolk yesterday to inspect the militia commands in that city. To-day or to-morrow they will, in company with Major C. C. Vaughn, take a look at the State's new infantry rifle range near Virginia Beach.

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

March 1913.

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